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FOOTBALL SKETCHES.

VII.
FOOTBALL AT GREAT TUGLETON,
BY
GUY BOOTHBY.

Quiet as it is, no one can deny that Great Tugleton has its excitement. Who, among its inhabitants, will forget the day when the Squire, with a generosity that, to say the least of it, was rare in him, gave orders that the village pump should be repaired at his expense? How many there are also who can recall, with a thrill, that momentous occasion when certain irreverent boys drew what was intended to be a caricature of the Master, in chalk, upon the schoolhouse door, and how fifteen of them were soundly caned on suspicion until the real artist was discovered. Those were exciting times indeed, but their glory pales into absolute insignificance when compared with the arrival of the Curate-in-charge, the Reverend Cuthbert McFadden, and the great events that were contingent thereupon.

The worthy old Vicar of the parish, it must be explained, was fast becoming unfit for duty—and when he was ordered by his physician to winter in the south of France, McFadden arrived to take over his duty.

Now I must inform you that Cuthbert McFadden was in every sense of the word a worthy young man. Regrettable fact though it was, it must, however, be plainly stated that he was unfortunately not the possessor of an insignificant personality. But what he lacked in stature, he made up in ambition. His chief desire in life, apart of course from his profession, was to be considered an athlete. As a small boy, and with a considerable start, he had managed by good fortune, and the falling of the boy in front of him, to win a hundred yards' race, and that achievement was destined to be his undoing. From that day forward he used his dumb-bells assiduously, came often within an ace of breaking his neck with a pair of Indian Clubs, and on dark evenings when there was no one to observe him, might have been discovered solemnly trotting along the country lanes, most scantily clothed, engaged in what he was wont to term 'a five miles lung expander.' He played tennis whenever he could find an opportunity—cricket also on such rare occasions as any team would give him a place, but he frankly confessed that his chief passion was his love for football. Nothing could wean him from that! 'It is the only game,' he would declare, 'throwing his shoulders back, that is fit for a man, who is a man, to play.'

At the time of his arrival at Great Tugleton, and with shame must it be confessed, there was not a tennis court to be found in the entire parish—there was no cricket club, and more terrible still, football was unknown. Here was the Reverend Cuthbert's opportunity and he seized it with avidity. He would revolutionise Great Tugleton, he said, or know the reason why. He did know it later.

The football season was somewhat advanced when the Curate took over his charge. This fact, however, only served the purpose of making him the keener to broach the subject to his churchwardens—both of whom received the proposition with profound disfavour. Their behaviour might possibly have discouraged meaner mortals, but our hero was built of too stern a metal to know defeat. He forthwith announced that a meeting would be held at the Vicarage on a certain Wednesday evening early, to discuss the matter, and, in due course, most of the male population of the Village put in an appearance at it.

When the door was closed, the convenor of the meeting voted himself into the chair, and proceedings commenced. With much eloquence he pointed out the benefit to be derived from football. His audience heard him out with much stolid faces, as I believe, only the inhabitants of Great Tugleton possess. When it eventually dawned upon them what it was all about, they looked at each other in silent amazement. It was certain that very much beer would have to be consumed before a proper understanding of this matter would be arrived at. One thing was definitely settled—Tugleton was to have a football club and their reverend pastor was to bear the expense. A list of rules was drawn up. Mr. McFadden was elected Captain, the village grocer, Treasurer—though what he was to treasure was not definitely stated, and the schoolmaster, by virtue of being one of the few residents with any knowledge of penmanship, was made Secretary. A Committee was next selected, and then the meeting was declared closed. Next day Farmer Davis was graciously pleased to grant the use of a certain field, in exchange for a bank note which the Curate handed him; two days later a brand new football arrived from London, and the same evening it was announced that on the following Saturday, at two o'clock precisely, the first game would be played.

Between the hours of half-past one and two, on that eventful afternoon, a large proportion of the inhabitants of the village might have been observed wending their way in the direction of what was popularly known as Farmer Davis' close. Instructions had been issued by their captain that only the lightest of light boots were to be worn by the players; but as the majority of

the latter had only one pair to their names, the order was of necessity disregarded. They had, however, graced them, and in some cases had even blacked them, to be in keeping with the proprieties. Arrived at the rendezvous they formed themselves into a group, and while awaiting the coming of their instructor, indulged in the playful badinage peculiar to natives of the Wiltshire village.

'Blest be him to play these football, Chuck Hodder? a youth would enquire. 'I warn thee, Zeph Higgins, Charles would reply. 'I be main fit for runnin' just now.'

Then the humour of the situation would dawn on one or another of them, and compel him or them to retire from the crowd in order to have the laugh out. Like the proverbial Scotchman—the Great Tugletonians just with difficulty.

At last the Reverend Cuthbert put in an appearance, carrying under his arm the brand new ball, with the aid of which he hoped to be able to implant a desire for athletic exercise in the more than torpid minds of his parishioners.

Pushing his way through the little crowd, the Curate took up a position in the centre and addressed them, explaining the general principles of the game, so far as lay in his power, and exhorting them to persevere in it to the best of their ability. Then sides were formed and the real business thereupon commenced. By the time play ceased everyone had learned something of the rudiments of the game, though, if the truth must be told, that something took the form of black eyes and contusions generally. The Tugletonians had taken to the game even more seriously than their leader had hoped they would do.

After the first afternoon the progress made by the Tugleton men and lads was little short of marvellous. All their spare time was spent at football until those who had been the worst tyros when the game was first introduced to the village were now versed in every rule. The more the Reverend Cuthbert thought about it—the more he flattered himself on the success he had achieved. He had at least brought athletics to Tugleton—and what greater ambition could any man desire? They would thank him for it later!

As often as weather and circumstances would permit, the Club played assiduously. Occasional disputes arose over the rules of the game, and not unfrequently they resulted in fights, but this seldom happened when the Reverend Cuthbert was present on the field. His presence acted like a restraining hand upon his flock. Then the evil moment came. Seeing how his pupils had improved, that vain-glorious man determined upon a bold stroke.

In other words he declared that on a certain Saturday in March—that on being well—there should be played such a match as had never been dreamed of by the oldest inhabitant of Great Tugleton and the neighbourhood. The competing teams were to be picked as follows: as could be, between Married Men and Bachelors—the worthy Treasurer, who had a wife of eighteen stone, captaining one side—the Reverend Cuthbert McFadden, the embodiment of Bachelordom, taking command of the other. Can it be guessed which side popular sympathy lay? There was not a youth who walked along the dry and chucky road beside his lass on the Sunday before the all important match who did not feel that, like a knight of old, he was doing honourable service for her and for the cause of Chivalry. Small wonder, therefore, that public spirit in the village was excited.

At last the fateful day arrived. From the first peep of dawn it became evident that something unusual was about to happen. By nine o'clock the very air vibrated with excitement. The battle was to commence at half-past two, and the public anticipation could hardly be restrained till then. Then captains of the rival sides were, for the time being, popular heroes. The Reverend Cuthbert spent the morning in his study—reserving his energies for the fray. The captain of the opposing team, however, repaired to the local tavern, the Fox and Goose, and sought inspiration from the good cheer to be found there. Though Cuthbert was not aware of it, the Bachelor Team, not being under pettifog government, also spent the morning at the inn, with what result remains to be told.

There was, however, one point the Reverend Cuthbert had not lost sight of. For some days past he had been expecting the return of the Vicar and during the morning he had received a telegram from him to the effect that he and his sister would reach the village during the afternoon.

In that case he will be in time to see the progress his parishioners have made during his absence, in one direction at least. Cuthbert had reckoned, as he placed the message in his pocket. But to return of my description of the now famous match.

Punctuality was one of the Reverend Cuthbert's chief characteristics; therefore exactly on the stroke of two-thirty that gentleman, having won the toss, kicked off with proper deliberation and solemnity. Then the fray commenced.

It is not my intention to attempt to describe to you the varying fortunes of the game. They would interfere too much with the story I have to tell. Let it therefore be stated once and for all that when the Reverend Cuthbert McFadden, discarded his clerical and made his appearance on the field, he was attired in the costume in which he had once competed for the honour of his college at the University of

those who have been similarly situated endeavour to appreciate the picture. As I have already stated, the gentleman in question was not a big man. Nor, must it be confessed, was his figure, despite the manipulation of dumb-bells and Indian Clubs, in any way heroic. When attired, therefore, only in a jersey and extremely short knickerbockers, his appearance was attenuated in the extreme. However, like many another man in a similar position, he felt that the eyes of the world were upon him and was therefore oblivious to the rest. He accordingly shouted his orders, dashed hither and thither, made frantic dives for the ball, as often as not missing it, encouraged his followers to greater efforts, and felt that in so exerting himself he was doing all that could reasonably be expected of him. Little by little, however, he began to have a premonition that things were not as they should be with the players. Sounds of strife were to be heard on every side, and an uneasy suspicion was beginning to cross his mind that, since the interval, his men were not only not playing up to their usual standard, but they that were also growing every moment more and more quarrelsome disposed towards each other. So to relate this was exactly what was taking place—and it is just possible that the landlord of the Black Goose was to blame for it. The climax was not far off.

Unimportant though the fact may seem, Jabez Megbridge was own brother to Lot Heble's wife. He was also known to be courting—Heble's sister, Tilda. Now Heble, as a married man, was on one side; Jabez—being a bachelor—was a forward on the other. Whether Lot was unconscious of permitting any other member of the Megbridge family to enter his family circle, or whether, as may be more likely, there was some other quarrel between them, I cannot say; the fact, however, remains that some ten or twelve minutes after the second half had commenced, and at the self-same moment as the worthy old Vicar and his sister turned the corner of the road in their fly, and came into view of the field, Lot invited Jabez to tell him where his policeman he was a comin' to—whereupon Jabez retorted that he was 'gwine wuf he can well please—Lot Heble or no Lot Heble.' The result may be imagined. Lot struck Jabez and Jabez retaliated, leaving his friend in difficulties. Bill Wibbs ran to the rescue, and encountering Luke Gubbins en route hit him a violent blow upon the jaw, which came near to annihilating that worthy. Before the Reverend Cuthbert could realise the turn events had taken the fight had become general. Sad to relate, however, it did not end there.

Among the concourse of spectators were many wives and sweethearts—who had come to enjoy the novelty of the mimic war. Seeing their husbands and lovers suddenly engaged in desperate strife, they threw prudence to the winds and dashed into the fray—biting, scratching, and buffeting friend and foe alike. As the Reverend Cuthbert remarks to this day, it was indeed a scene to be remembered!

'Good gracious, Augustus,' cried the Vicar's sister, who had the sharper eyes of the pair; 'what can be the matter?'

The Vicar stood up in the carriage and looked over the hedge.

'Stop, stop,' he cried to the driver of the fly. 'Put me down. It's a riot and I must stop it.'

'You shall not go without me,' shrieked his sister, and followed him from the vehicle.

Picture for yourselves the heroism of that gallant pair. Unarmed save with their umbrellas they dashed into the thick of the melee—bellowing everyone with the fancy took them. At last the combatants, exhausted by their efforts, recognised their aged Pastor and his sister, and desisted from their strife.

'What does this mean?' cried the old gentleman, as soon as he could make himself heard. 'Have you all gone mad?'

'Bless 'ee, no!' answered the Captain of the Married side, mopping the blood that streamed upon his upper lip as he spoke. 'This be football, hint it! Any into it be good enough for I. Come on!'

'Football!' echoed the Vicar, catching him by the arm. 'Who on earth taught you football?'

A strange silence fell upon the crowd. They had enjoyed their game immensely, but they did not expect to be held accountable for it.

'Twas the new Pazon as learned it to us,' one of them replied.

'The new what?'

'New Pazon! Here 'e be!'

The crowd parted right and left, as the man spoke, revealing to the astonished gaze of the Vicar, a small, attenuated form, seated on the ground, clad in an entirely inadequate pair of flannel knickerbockers, by this time much the worse for wear, and a striped jersey stuck in the sleeve and very open at the neck. His left eye was partially closed, there was an ominous bruise on his right cheek, while a thin trickle of blood ran down his left temple.

The Vicar stared at him very much as he would have looked upon an antiquarian monstrously, while his sister, in suddenly confusion, put up her umbrella to shield herself from so terrible a sight.

'Get up, sir,' said the Vicar, in his sternest voice. 'Get up at once, and if you are the unhappy person they desire me to suppose—leave this field at once and hide yourself from the pitying gaze of the unfortunate people whom you have reduced to this most unhappy and shameful condition.'

To-day, the Reverend Cuthbert McFadden is labouring gallantly in the lower quarter of a manufacturing town in the Midlands. It was suggested to him, only a few weeks ago, that he should inaugurate an Athletic Club for the benefit of his men.

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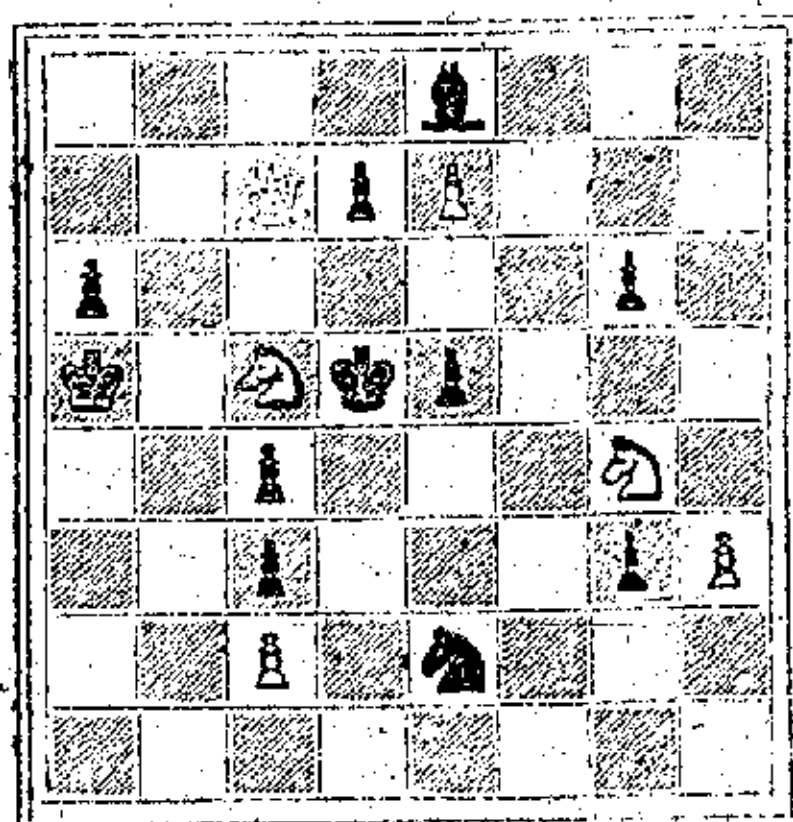
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Problem No. 40.

(From the 'Manchester Weekly Times')
Black (10 Pieces).



White (7 pieces).

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution to Problem No. 39 (B. G. Laws in the British Chess Magazine):

White: 1 Q-Kt 8, 2 Q-Kt 6 ch, 3 Kt-Kt 6 mate.
Black: 1 K-B 5, 2 P-Kt 4 ch, etc.
Correct solution from O.R.T.

The challenge for the 'return match', by cable, between Great Britain and America has been discussed by the Committee of the British Chess Club, and the proposal to play the match under the auspices of the three leading clubs—the British, City of London, and St. George's—was entertained. It was also resolved to accept the challenge of the Dutch players for a match, and a team will be provided to meet them in London, under the condition that the return match in Holland should stand over for a more suitable date.

The Monte Carlo Tournament will commence on January 16 next. Entries should be made at once, as only a limited number will be admitted. The programme was to have been issued yesterday.

In American chess circles very great interest has been excited by a short correspondence game of 19 moves a-side, which has been recently won by Mr. Franklin K. Young, of Boston, from Mr. Sydney P. Johnston, the recognised champion of Chicago. The score has been most carefully examined for the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* by Mr. John F. Barry of the American Cable team; and the publication of his exhaustive comments on the play is reported to have started a discussion which appears destined to result in a thorough overhauling of the opening. Appended are the moves of the game, together with a condensation of the substance of Mr. Barry's notes:—

White, Mr. Young. Black, Mr. Johnston.
1 P-K 4 P-K 4
2 Kt-K B 3 Kt-Q B 3
3 B-K 5 (a) Kt-B 3 (b)
4 P-Q 4 (c) Kt-K P 4 (d)
5 P-Q 5 (e) Kt-Kt 4 (f)
6 Q-K 2 (g) Kt-Q 3 (h)
7 Kt-P 7 B-K 2 (i)
8 B-Q 3 (j) Castles
9 P-K B 4 (k) P-K B 3 (l)
10 Q-R 5 (m) P-K B 4 (n)
11 Kt-Q B 3 (o) B-B 3
12 Castles P-K Kt 3 (p)
13 Q-K R 3 (q) Kt-K 5
14 P-Q 6 (r) Kt-P 5 (s)
15 Kt-Q 5 P-B 3 (t)
16 Kt-B 4 ch Q-Kt 4 (u)
17 B-Q 2 Kt-K 4 (v)
18 B-B 3 P-Q 3 (w)
19 Kt-B 3 (x)

And Mr. Johnston resigned (y).

(a) The most powerful of all chess debuts. Its strength lies in the fact that Black is compelled to deploy his men in such wise as to obtain an inferior strategic front. This is directly due to the test move, which prevents the development of the Black K B at Q B 4.

(b) Students of the game should note that Morphy played, almost invariably, 3...P-Q 3.

(c) The only correct move for White. 4 Castles is weak: Kt to Q B 3, 4 P to Q 3, or 4 P to Q B 3 is even worse.

(d) The correct play is 4 P takes P.

(e) By this seizing the topographical key White gains such a positional advantage that it is doubtful if, with best play on both sides, Black can save the game.

(f) As had a move as could be found. It results in a loss of time which strategically is equivalent to the tactical loss represented by the elimination of three pieces from Black's game.

(g) White now gains the initiative, that is to say, the power to dictate Black's moves.

(h) This Knight should have gone to K B 3.

(i) Forced in order to avert the loss of the Black Queen by Kt to Q B 4 dis ch.

(j) This piece is now withdrawn to its proper place in the White front.

(k) At once establishing the 'major front'.

(l) Bad. It is difficult, however, to suggest a good move for White.

(m) Advantageously occupying a post that ought to have been defended by the Black K K.

(n) Best. If 10...P takes Kt White mates in three moves: if 10...P to Kt 3, then 11 Kt takes Kt P, and White wins; and if 10...P to K R 3: 11 Q to K 6; P takes Kt; 12 Q to R 7 ch; K to B 3; 13 B to K 6 ch; K to B 3; 14 B to R 5, and Black must sacrifice his Queen to avert mate.

(o) Preventing 11...Kt to R 5.
(p) Forced—otherwise White would have won the K B P.
(q) Properly retiring to a post from which to continue to act against the K R P.
(r) Taking possession of the 'topographical key'.
(s) If 14 P takes P; 15 B to B 4 ch, K to Kt 2; 16 Kt to Q 5, &c.
(t) About the worst move on the board. 15...R to Kt 2 is objectionable, but with the exception of 15...Q Kt to B 3 the least of the moves at Black's disposal.
(u) If 16...R takes Kt; then 17 P to K Kt 4; and White wins in a center.
(v) There seems to be nothing better. One-third of the Black moves have been made by this mismanaged piece; and its unscientific waddlings have stopped the development of the Black Queen's wing.
(w) 18...P-Q 4 seems to be the only move worthy of notice.
(x) White does not trouble about winning the exchange by 19 Kt-Q 7.
(y) For if 19...Q-K 3; 20 Q-R-K 1, Q moves: 21 Kt-K 7 ch, &c. If 19...Q-K B 2; 20 E-Q B 4, Q-R; 21 Kt-K 7 ch, K-B 2; 22 Q-R P ch, &c.
The lines of attack adopted by White will not be found in any analytical treatise; and the superiority of the attack over the defence may be directly traced to the strict observance of strategic principles by the first player; and the entire disregard of these principles by his opponent.

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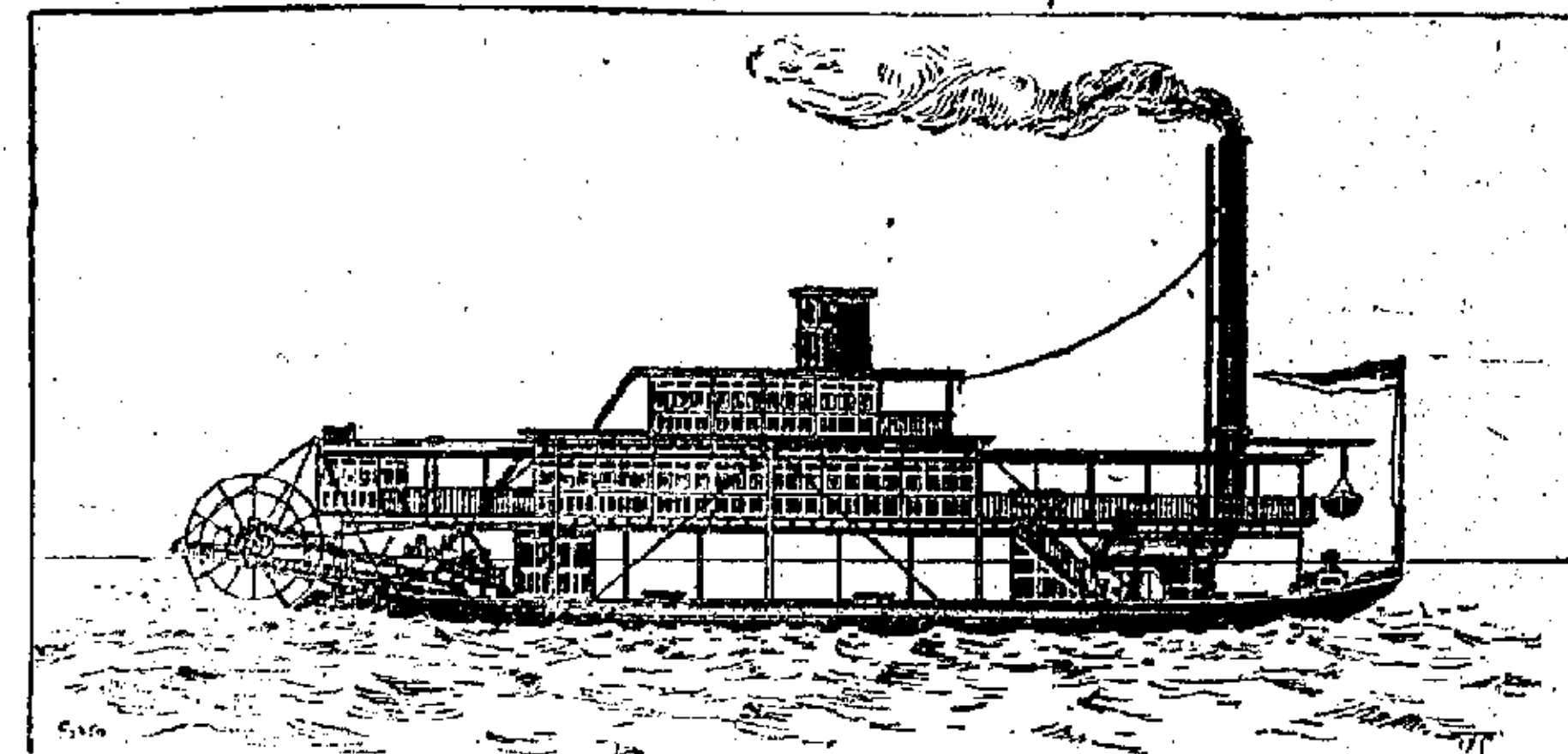
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'SUNWARD and seaward' is the boasted progress of Russia. This Tartar nation (for no one can call the Russians Europeans) are face to face with us at last as rivals not to be despised. In the partition of the world, the Teutonic races are to have Africa, North America, Australasia and the peninsular parts of Europe and Asia; South America is the heritage of the Latin peoples; the great land mass of Europe and Asia is to fall to Slavonic sway. By purchase or otherwise England and Germany will become the possessors of what Portugal holds in Africa, and there will only remain to be dealt with the holdings of our kinsmen the Belgians and the French possessions. France is not to be feared; the seeds of death are sown in her stationary population and the atrophy of her ambitions. A hundred and fifty years ago, there was still a chance that she might become a world power, but the time had already passed in 1793 when Duplex died in poverty, and Louis XIV. might say that the State was himself, but France has never since that time had a national leader. We are not forgetting the First Napoleon, who did lead so large a party that he might dream of a French Empire, but he failed, and Napoleonism is a disease that only recurs at immense intervals. At present, to whom is France a danger? We know what is the French ambition in the Far East. They expect vast profit from the alliance with Russia. The Muscovite bear is to devour Shansi, Shensi and Kansu in the near future, and the Gallie cock is to pick up Szechuen, Kweichow and Yunnan. Russia will allow her ally the pleasure of these aspirations the more readily because they are wild and foolish ones. No man who has visited a French colony can regard such schemes with respect. They show a multiplication of petty officials, a trade strangled in its birth by Customs restrictions, and a general incapacity for development. Let French Indo-China be an example. The imports are about 12 millions sterling yearly, and the exports just over 5 millions; and there is also half-million. With the false advantage of a discriminating tariff, France does less than a third of the trade. This is the best they can do with a population of twenty millions. Of the two rival routes into Yunnan, the Red River and the Salween, France controls the shorter, but when progress is again possible there can be no doubt which will prove the more profitable. When we see the Emperor of China restored to power and surrounded by councillors of competent ability and character, when the Empress Dowager shall have retired into perpetual exile, and the banner of progress is again possible there can be no doubt which will prove the more profitable. When we see the Emperor of China restored to power and surrounded by councillors of competent ability and character, when the Empress Dowager shall have retired into perpetual exile, and the banner of progress is again possible there can be no doubt which will prove the more profitable.

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Rudok on the border of Ladakh, in British territory, to command the routes from the west to Lhasa. Our last hope to secure a Central Asian buffer against the enemy lies in the control of Tibet. Russia is bound to grow till she impinges upon a stronger body than herself. This she has availed in Central Asia by taking the chief towns piecemeal, just as she is now engulfing China provinces by province, by playing on the indifference with which we have been watching her making trifling gains one by one, not noting the mass as it accumulated. The same process has been seen in the North of China. Mr. Parker says that from 1860 to 1879 England was the only European power at Peking, perhaps with Russia, on account of her land frontier and her consequent proximity, as a great power. The thirty years that have succeeded have reversed our relative positions. We were wrong in 1895 to compel the retrocession of the Liaotung peninsula to China, and though Lord Salisbury wrote in 1898, 'I think Russia has made a mistake in taking Port Arthur; I do not think it is any use to her whatever,' we now see that the simple fact was that British diplomacy hardly knew the difference between Chinese and Japanese, and we let things pass with the indifference of contented ignorance. We were quite content to take Weihaiwei as compensation, and then light-heartedly threw away all possible advantage by promising Germany to make no railways into the interior of Shantung. The thing to realise is that Russia is the enemy, and the tortuous mendacity of her conduct, especially from October of last year, will have served a useful purpose if it leads us to strengthen our grip on what we still think we hold, e.g., the railway through Chihli to Shan-hai-kwan, and our rights (which Sir Alfred Gaselee says still exist) beyond the Great Wall.

As matters stand, Russia is the only power that has profited by the 'concert,' possibly because she was the only member of it that did not enter it with clean hands. French advance needs watching, but in the South we are, if we exert ourselves, strong enough to overcome France. In the North, we have carelessly lost ground that may be irrecoverable. It is an inherent fault in the system of government by party that it is almost impossible for our foreign policy to be connected and continuous. The Ins and the Outs, as they succeed each other, feel bound to justify their differences by 'making alterations.' If the Ins discover that it is necessary to watch Russian advance jealously, the Outs, when they come in their turn to occupy the seats of the mighty, will desire to treat Russia with effusive generosity. We have seen these strange reversals frequently, and it is acknowledged that the expectation of something of the kind has had its effect in prolonging the South African war. In domestic affairs this oscillation of ideals is of less importance, for at each swing of the pendulum some errors of previous administrations may be corrected, but in our foreign affairs retreat is never safe or honourable, and the alternations of parties sows the world with Majubas. Russia needs a constant and wary eye on her manoeuvres in three main directions. In the Balkan peninsula, her method is to undermine the good faith of the officers of the Bulgarian, Servian and Rumanian armies. In Afghanistan, she has her pretender to the throne of Abdurrahman ready if Habibullah shows himself in any way weaker than his father; while we are seeing daily progress in the Russianising of Manchuria. The only restraint we can practise on her territorial ambitions is to strengthen our own alliances in these three directions. Bourgas, Khotan and Newchwang, her outposts of to-day, were as unexpected a few years ago as wireless telegraphy. Tares as well as wheat grow while men are sleeping.

Ethiopian Entertainment.

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entertainments is to be given to-night at the Kowloon Institute by the Ethiopian Minstrel Troupe. The Troupe has already given most enjoyable entertainments of the kind gratuitously, and, as they have incurred considerable expenses in the master of the fair at Tottenham's Circus, which they are to have an innings to-night, when a small charge will be made to help to cover the outlay. It is hoped that there will be a crowded audience, as a specially attractive programme is to be placed on the boards.

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HONGKONG CRICKET FESTIVAL.

THE A.D.C. PERFORMANCE.

An entertainment of a "variety" description was given last night by the Amateur Dramatic Club, in the City Hall, in honour of the cricketers from the Straits and Shanghai. Cricketers and their friends had had the preference in the matter of seating, and the consequence was that the cricketing element was very strongly in evidence. The theatre, it may honestly be said, was occupied in every part, the Robinson Piano Company having closed the plan a few days previously. Many people were keenly disappointed at being unable to book seats, and the desire to witness the entertainment is so great that the Club has decided that it shall be repeated on Thursday next, when, no doubt, a good number of those who were present last night will avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a second "look-see." The audience last night included His Excellency the Governor and a party from Government House, and a full muster of naval and military officers. The bill of fare was a decided departure from the A.D.C.'s usual, but the manner in which the different items were presented and received served to show that the Club possesses talent enough to undertake any class of musical entertainment that appeals to public taste. The idea of a one-act farce followed by plantation songs and ends was just the right thing to suit the humour of last night's audience, and right well it was appreciated.

"Trying it On" was the title of the farce which opened the programme. It is by that well-known clever actor Mr. William Brough, and, though by no means new to this stage, it was doubtless new to many present. Mr. C. H. P. Hay, as "Walkingham Potts," (with two 26 years of age and an income of £200 a year) was a shining light in the performance. His part unquestionably gave him great scope for the display of his ability, and he was not slow to take advantage of the opportunity. His agitation was well feigned, and in the Wellington-boat scene he was a particular success. Mr. C. Hudson, I. M. S., made up as Mr. Jobstock, and bore such a striking resemblance to the well-known local gentleman that it was remarked from the stalls in a tone of voice that could be heard in every part of the building and evoked an outburst of laughter. As an actor he was not a success, being too nervous. Had he had more to do he probably would have come out better. Mr. Andron was fairly good as "Mr. Tittlebat," the simple red-haired lover. Mrs. Cunningham undertook the role of Mrs. Jobstock in a manner which showed that she is worthy of greater business. She had perfect control of her voice and her actions, and was far ahead of the other two ladies in the piece. Miss Hutchinson as "Lucy" and Mrs. Howkins as "Lucy" (the maid) were both nervous. The piece was, as is always the case with the A. D. C., admirably put on, and the making up was very effective. When the curtain went up after the interval, the audience was introduced to a sylvan glade with about a score of "darkies" and "dags" grouped prettily in the centre. Old Deacon Jawbones (Mr. John Hays) came strolling in and set the fun in motion with some lively patter. Mrs. Bennett sang "Lazily Drowsily," a very pretty song with humming chorus. The effort was highly appreciated. Mrs. Yeats rendered another favourite colour song, "Mammy's little pumpkin coloured coons," and had to respond to a vociferous encore. Mr. Hudson's "Ma oldest one" was a happy effort, but Mr. W. G. Worcester's "story" which followed, simply brought down the house. "Kiss me, honey, do" was sung given by Mrs. Howkins. This lady, as she called for the chorus, did a sort of cake walk from side to side of the platform which created much amusement. She was heartily cheered. Mr. Worcester's rendering of "Just because she made me go goo eyes" was hailed with rounds of applause, the audience insisting on his reappearance. His step-dance was very well executed. Mr. Wolfe gave "My girl is a high-born lady," and this was followed by a charming skirt-dance by the Misses P. and M. Seth. Exquisitely attired in glistening silks (one of gold and the other of silver, caught up with coloured ribbons) they made a lovely picture under the pale light. Their dancing was as nicely performed as their costumes were pretty, and the audience simply roared for more. They returned and bowing their acknowledgments retired, but this would not do and the dances had to be repeated. This item was the most attractive in an attractive programme. Just at this stage a corpulent individual strolled on to the platform, attired in cricket costume with bat in hand and pads on his legs. The "got-up" was an exaggerated picture of a member of the Shanghai team and was greeted with much laughter. The way in which this individual played on the names of different prominent men on the field caused much merriment. Mrs. Yeats brought a highly successful and most enjoyable entertainment to a close with "Good night," one of the prettiest of songs well sung. The band of the Royal Welch Pipers was present and contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of all present. Mr. Gumpert, the stage manager, and Mr. H. W. Bird, the Hon. Secretary of the A. D. C., fell to be congratulated on the result of their efforts. It may be mentioned that the picture on the face of the programme is from the pen of Mr. H. A. Courtney, a member of the chorus.

The following was the cast:—

Mr. Walsingham Potts, Mr. C. H. P. Hay
Mr. Jobstock, Mr. C. Hudson, I. M. S.
Mrs. Jobstock, Mrs. G. H. Andron
Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. G. H. Andron
Lucy (her maid), Miss Hutchinson
Scene—Mrs. Jobstock's Drawing-room.
Interval of 10 minutes.

PLANTATION REVELS.

Opening Solo ("Lazily drowsily") Mrs. Bennett
Song ("Ma oldest one") Mr. Hudson
Song ("Kiss me, honey, do") Mrs. Howkins
Song ("Just because she made me go goo eyes") Mrs. Howkins
Song ("My girl is a high-born lady") Mr. Wolfe
Song ("Good night") Mrs. Yeats
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DEACON JAWBONES, Mr. John Hays
Assisted by Messrs. Hays, Hudson, Wolfe, and Worcester.

CHORUS—Messrs. Yeats, Howkins, Bennett, P. Seth, M. Seth, Henderson, C. Clive, L. Clive, Hancock, Hazelland, Messrs. Andron, Hay, Courtney, Arthur, Rutherford, Hays, L. J. C. Anderson, G. P. Hagen, W. Hagen, Wolfe, and Worcester.

Musical Directors—Mr. G. Grimbale and Mr. Moir, R.W.F. Stage Manager—Mr. Gumpert; Hon. Secretary—Mr. H. W. Bird.

SHANGHAI V. STRAITS.

Overnight, the scores in this match were—Straits, 105 and 231; Shanghai, 227 and 25 for no wickets. The match opened in favourable weather, before a fairly large turn out of spectators, who were treated to some interesting cricket with an exciting finish. As a matter of fact, though the match resulted in a win for Shanghai, it should have been recorded a tie, as will be seen from the details published below.

Billings opened the bowling to Lanning, and sent down a maiden, the wicket kicking awkwardly. Mackenzie was the other bowler, and McEuen got him away to leg for a single. Billings sent down another maiden, beating McEuen once, when the wicket-keeper let the ball go for 2 runs. Another 2-balls at the other end brought out 30, and then Lanning gave an unexpected chance at the wicket of Mackenzie. As the wicket-keeper was in the middle of the ball, he was struck on the head by the ball, and he was sent down. Billings then stood well back to Billings, McEuen got a nasty snick on the fingers and was hit again on the shoulder. The first really good stroke was made by Lanning, who got Mackenzie just third-man for 4 and then to leg for the stroke. McEuen had a dangerous error from Billings to negotiate, but he jumped out to the last ball and drove it to the screen for 4. Lanning was next hit by Mackenzie and two balls later he was hit on the breast by the same bowler. Matters were not improved for the batsmen by the clouds of smoke blowing across the ground from the Naval Yard Extension works. Lanning played Billings nicely to leg for 3. In Mackenzie's next over, however, a bumping ball got up off the handle of his bat, and, running well up the pitch, Mackenzie took the catch. At 4-1-20, Capt. Ross came in and slipped Mackenzie luckily for 4. This was his only effort, however, for he was caught beautifully at square leg by Whitley, and the register read—52-2-4. Capt. Price, who had done so well in the first innings, was a well placed out, and then drove Billings almost out of the ground. McEuen was snatched by Macgarratt at fine slip of Mackenzie, and with three of the best Shanghai wickets down for 59, the chances of the Straits team were improved considerably. The retiring batsman had played good cricket on a tricky wicket for 25 runs. Turnbull joined Price, and a 2-ye brought up 60. Price cut Billings prettily past Barkshire, but Whitley saved the boundary, and only 2 were run. Whitley was now standing back to both bowlers, and the field was re-arranged to keep down runs. Turnbull got a "blob" opposite his name, Mackenzie bringing off another very fine catch of his own bowling. 63-4-0. The Shanghai captain now went to the wicket, and two balls later he was out. Farbridge put up a delivery from Mackenzie, at point, but Barkshire failed to get to it. A very short single was then run for a log snick and Price scored a single of the same over. The Straits team was holding exceedingly well, and runs were difficult to get. Of Billings' first delivery in the following over Price was snatched by Barkshire at point, and the record now read: 67-5-5. Potter joined his captain, who might have been run out on an over later had Whitley got to a leg snick a little more smartly. Potter drove Billings for a couple and then for a quartette. A single was stolen off Mackenzie's bowling, and then Potter snatched him to the broad field for 4. Farbridge had a lucky snick for 5 off Billings, and then played an over from Mackenzie very consistently, driving the last ball well for 4. The first ball from Billings bumped over Potter's head and was caught by Macgarratt at slip. The next ball also bumped, the batsman just touching it, and Vauls caught him. 87-6-10. Twenty-two runs were now required to win when Mann came in. A very confident appeal was made for a catch at the wicket of the first ball he played, but the batsman survived the appeal. Farbridge placed Mackenzie to third-man for a single—a narrow escape, as Mann caught a ball to the same place for no other single, each one being precious to Shanghai now. Mann was not to be tempted by Billings' off-theory, and got that bowler to short leg for a single, bringing up 90. A short-pitched ball from Mackenzie hit Mann on the head, but, fortunately, did no damage to Shanghai's popular heavy-weight. The wicket was certainly looking badly at both ends. Farbridge sent one of Mackenzie's deliveries through the slips very near Vauls and Macgarratt, both of whom made a successful effort to stop the ball on its way to the boundary. Two balls later, Mackenzie disarranged the bats, the retiring batsman being responsible for a lucky but useful 16. 95-7-16. Station put up Mackenzie somewhat dangerously in the broad field, but there was no help, there and a single was notched. He then drove Billings for 2. Play was now very exciting, and the fielding side were doing their best to win. Mann drove Mackenzie for 4, though Sharp seemed to save it. He then hit the same bowler for a single, just out of Whitley's reach at mid-on. Seven runs were still required to win, but the batsmen were taking no risks. With the score standing at 103, Station was clean bowled by Mackenzie, and made way for V. H. Lanning. The youngster played the remainder of Mackenzie's over very confidently. Mann drove Billings for a single, and then a bye was taken for a ball that should have been stopped by Vauls. Macgarratt or Mackenzie. Mann scored another single off Billings, and drove Mac-

Kenzie for another. Off the last ball of Mackenzie's over Lanning gave a possible catch between slip and point, the ball coming off his hand, but Barkshire failed to hold the ball though he got it into his left hand. Mann put Billings away to leg for a single, the wicket-keeper holding the ball. The same batsman, on the other hand, Mackenzie, off to leg for 1. Whitley failing to get another possible catch to an active fielder. The game was now a tie, when Mann was caught and bowled by Billings. 109-9-13. The Shanghai wicket-keeper was last man in with a run needed to win the match. The fieldsmen were all brought in to save that one run. Lanning was evidently so nervous that he picked up the ball during Mackenzie's over and returned it to the bowler. Of course, had the Straits players chosen to appeal, Lanning should have been given out for handling the ball, but with the fine sportsman-like feeling they have always displayed none of the Straits men made the appeal which would have saved the game for them. We hope *Sport and Gossip* (whose motto is "Playing the Game") will duly note this when commenting upon the inter-match. The over was a maiden. Each ball was being watched with breathless intensity, as Billings sent down two bumpy deliveries to Whitley. The second ball struck the batsman, and a leg bye was run, the match terminating in a win for Shanghai by one wicket. The following are the full scores and bowling analysis:—

SHANGHAI—FIRST INNINGS.	
A. E. Lanning, c Green, b Macgarratt	40
K. J. McEuen, c Whitley, b Mackenzie	13
Capt. Price, c Whitley, b Mackenzie	93
F. W. Potter, c Vauls, b Sharp	16
J. Mann, c Kerr, b Billings	5
V. H. Lanning, b Billings	0
W. K. Station, c Barkshire, b Billings	22
W. H. C. Whitley, b Mackenzie	17
C. Farbridge (Capt.), b Whitley	17
W. J. Turnbull, not out	0
Extras	13
Total	227

SECOND INNINGS.	
A. E. Lanning, c Whitley, b Mackenzie	26
K. J. McEuen, c Macgarratt, b Mackenzie	25
Capt. Price, c Barkshire, b Billings	4
W. J. Turnbull, c A. and b Mackenzie	5
R. C. Farbridge, b Mackenzie	10
F. W. Potter, c Vauls, b Billings	13
J. Mann, c and b Billings	10
W. K. Station, b Mackenzie	9
V. H. Lanning, not out	0
W. H. Whitley, not out	0
Extras	8
Total for 9 wickets	101

STRAITS—FIRST INNINGS.	
A. B. Vauls, c Potter, b Mann	15
W. Langham Carter, b Mann	1
H. W. Sharp, b Mann	1
G. F. Green, b Mann	17
G. E. Green, c Whitley, b Mann	17
R. Macgarratt, c Farbridge, b Mann	4
C. A. Barkshire, c Potter	4
M. H. Whitley, b Mann	1
J. G. Macgarratt, c and b Potter	1
A. G. Wright, b Potter	28
Dr. Dane, not out	12
Extras	12
Total	105

SECOND INNINGS.	
W. L. Carter, c Whitley, b Potter	2
A. B. Vauls, b Potter	76
H. W. Sharp, b Potter	7
G. F. Green, c Whitley, b Potter	8
A. G. Wright, c and Potter	17
R. Macgarratt, c V. H. Lanning, b Mann	42
M. H. Whitley, c V. H. Lanning, b Mann	4
C. E. Green, b Potter	4
G. M. Billings, not out	40
J. G. Macgarratt, c Price, b Station	14
Dr. Dane, c Turnbull, b McEuen	9
Extras	13
Total	231

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
SHANGHAI—FIRST INNINGS.	
Mackenzie	0 4 7 0
Sharp	25 5 0 2
Whitley	12 3 4 45 2
Carter	4 10 21 5
Billings	2 10 37 5
Macgarratt	8 1 44 1

SECOND INNINGS.	
Billings	30 16 42 3
Mackenzie	27 7 59 6
Sharp	3 2 1 0

STRAITS—FIRST INNINGS.	
Potter	21 5 10 38 4
Mann	19 9 50 6
Station	2 1 5 0

SECOND INNINGS.	
Potter	24 9 63 6
Mann	20 3 69 2
Station	12 1 48 1
MacEuen	12 4 35 1
V. H. Lanning	1 1 1 0
Mann bowled 2 wickets.	

Hongkong and Shanghai are now playing. Major Beresford-Smith, R.W.F., taking the place of Major Dyson, A.P.D., on the Hongkong side.

At 3 p.m., Hongkong 80 for 1 wicket. On Monday Mr. Green representing the Straits will play Mr. Ramsay, representing Shanghai, at tennis at the Wigram Club ground at Kowloon.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In their weekly share report, dated 15th November, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly, and Potts write:—
A limited business has been done during the week at prices which show little, if any, alteration.
Banks.—Notwithstanding the continued rise in the London quotation, Hongkong and Shanghai Banks remained dull during the week, but at the close the market has become firmer, and shares can be sold at \$223. The sterling rate is \$103 1/2. National Bank is offering at \$27.
Marine Insurance.—We have heard of no transactions in stocks under this heading. Unions are asked for at \$340, and China Traders are procurable at \$84 or the dividend of \$4 paid on the 13th instant.
Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fire have been quoted at \$365, and more or less obtainable. China Fire have changed hands at \$86 and \$80, and are still required for at the higher rate.
Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been sold and are wanted at \$253. Indo-China have been fixed at \$147 and \$143 cash, and at equivalent rates on time, closing with buyers at \$140 cash. Douglas Steamships have been dealt in at \$147, at which price sellers predominate. China and Manila have been booked at \$22. Star Ferry and Shell Transports can be obtained at quotations.
Refineries.—China Sugars have ruled weak, and are on offer at \$154. Luzon can be had at \$20.
Mining.—Panjans are now quoted at \$47, and the price of \$1.10 has been fixed. Kowloon Wharf are in demand, and can be placed at \$96. Farnham are offering at \$15.20. New Amy Docks have buyers at \$25.
Lands, Hotels and Building.—Hongkong lands have advanced to \$194, at which rate sales have been offered and more shares are to be obtained. Kowloon Lands and West Point are in request at \$35 and \$65 respectively. Hongkong Hotels have been disposed of at \$139 and \$139, and close steady at the latter price. Humphreys Estate are wanted at \$14 after sale at \$13. China Providents are firm at \$83.
Cotton Mills.—Ewes are obtainable at \$15.47. Loon-Kung-Mow have been sold in Shanghai at \$14 and \$16, at which latter rate more shares are wanted.
Other Companies.—Langkats have improved, and are reported sold at \$13.237. Other stocks in this section are unchanged and without business.
Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have changed hands at \$22 1/2. A. S. Watson has found buyers at \$16. Electric has enquiries at \$15 for the old and \$62 for the new issue. Dairy Farms have risen to \$10 and less to \$186 buyers. W. Powells have been done at \$10, and have further sellers.

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Leicester Order.

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Re THE MEER CHEUNG firm lately carrying on business at No. 10, Station Street, Yau Ma Tei, British Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, as Drapers.

Receiving Order dated 8th day of November, 1901.

Position dated 28th day of October, 1901. Dated this 16th day of November, 1901.

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